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Governor 600 E. Boulevard Ave. Bismarck, ND 58505-0001

The Honorable Gerald W. VandeWalle Chief Justice, ND Supreme Court Judicial Wing, 1st Floor Bismarck, ND 58505-0530

Dear Governor Dalrymple and Chief Justice VandeWalle:

This letter is my notice to you of my resignation from the office of District Court Judge, Judgeship # 1, Northeast Central Judicial District for North Dakota effective December 1, 2014 (last work day being 11/30/14). It has been a great honor to have served on the court for nearly 10 years. I wish to thank the people who elected me in 2004 and again in 2010.

I have served the people of North Dakota since 1973. I was first employed by Grand Forks and Ramsey County social services for approximately 11 years and then served as an Assistant State's Attorney in Grand Forks County from 1988 until 2004 when I was elected Judge of the District Court.

During my years of service to the people and State of North Dakota, I have developed a great appreciation of our state's unique and special sense of goodness and community and the role our courts play in maintaining our way of life. I will forever be grateful for having the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Sønja Clapp

Judge of the District Court